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THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff)

The new year brings America face to face with a new world leadership. South America has said of President Hoover: "Here's a man who speaks words of sincerity, not mere diplomacy. He speaks as one seeking the best lines of cooperation between the various governments. He is not animated by selfishness but by the general good."

"What Mr. Hoover has done in Latin America, the United States will do for the world when it signs the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact. While the Senate has not ratified the treaty before Christmas, as it was expected to do, the treaty has been reported out to the Senate committee on Foreign Affairs and without restrictions."

After the holiday recess when the Senators resume their sessions, it will be a question of priority between the Peace pact and the Navy Construction bill. There is a strong appeal over the nation for the passing of the treaty first, after which the Navy bill could be passed. This action, however, would perhaps serve to limit the number of ships to be built on this replacement program or else to extend the building period from three to 10 years instead of three years as at present.

Other phases of world leadership appear on the horizon with the signing of the treaty and the inauguration of Mr. Hoover. China's construction problems may receive aid, while the stabilization for progress and trade generally appear to loom brightly. This will mean increased markets for American goods abroad and corresponding prosperity at home.

Coming back to problems in Congress of import to our state, mention must be made of reapportionment, which issue is still in the hands of the Census committee of the House. It was that that last Friday would see the bill reported out by the Committee ready for a rule and then the opportunity of a vote by the House.

Congressman Hoch of Kansas has lately introduced a resolution calling for an amendment to the Constitution which would materially affect the problem of reapportionment.

Mr. Hoch's amendment is very simple and would add to the phraseology of section 2 of the 14th Amendment the words "and aliens." The amended and revised section would then read:

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians, not taxed, and aliens."

Under the proposed bill it was that would be enacted, making possible a reapportionment, according to the 1920 census, Michigan would still be entitled to two more representatives, while California, instead of gaining three would gain only two; Connecticut would remain the same instead of gaining one; Indiana, instead of losing would remain the same, as would Kansas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska, while Massachusetts would lose two instead of gaining one and New York would thereby lose four instead of remaining the same.

This, only a partial summary of the states, would indicate the reasonableness of the proposed amendment to the constitution, thus holding representation on the basis of American citizenship. New York, California, North Carolina and Tennessee are several states having such a provision in their constitutions and thus the proposal does not seem radical or startling. I wonder if anyone can suggest why a man, foreign-born, not thinking enough of America to become a citizen, should be counted in determining the apportionment of representatives of the law making bodies of the nation.

With Congress adjourning last

week for the holidays, the work of the short session shows a remarkable record of achievement. The House has considered and passed four major appropriation bills for the fiscal year of 1929 and 1930. The Treasury and Post Office bill carried \$1,116,875,000; the Agricultural Department Bill, \$154,196,493; the Interior Department Bill, \$284,499,000; and the bill for the Departments of Justice, Commerce and Labor, \$117,898,897. In addition, considerable legislation was taken care of by consent calendar day. Over in the Senate, they passed the Boulder Dam Bill, sent it to the House, which agreed to the Conference report by a vote of 166 to 122. Seventy-nine Republicans voted against the bill, objecting to the possibility of involving the Government in public ownership of what ought to be a private business. The bill as passed, instead of carrying the \$125,000,000, the amount carried in the bill passed by the House in the last session, carried a total of \$165,000,000.

LAWFUL TO KILL BANDED BIRDS

Replies to questionnaires regarding the status of the ring-necked pheasant in Michigan are being received at the department of conservation. Sportsmen from all sections of the state have been asked to submit their views on many angles of the bird's success in meeting the natural problems that confront him in the state. Many farmers are volunteering information that is being tabulated faithfully and it is probable that valuable conclusions may be drawn when all the material is at hand. Anyone who did not receive a questionnaire but who feels that he has learned something about the pheasant is invited to forward his information to the department. It is not necessary to answer the questions contained in the list submitted by the department, although any expressions in that direction are welcome.

The belief that it is illegal to shoot a banded bird seems to persist despite all efforts of the officers to correct the mistake. This situation developed during the duck hunting season and from some sections word came in that banded pheasants were being shot. The department is very anxious to receive these reports. The information gained from these tags is considered invaluable.

OFFICERS SEIZED 5 MILES OF NETS

Vigilance of conservation department officers recently resulted in a big haul of illegal fishing nets in the great lakes. Nearly five and one-half miles of net were found in the hands of one man. The nets were found by the department's craft, Rambler, cruised down upon a scene in the vicinity of Manitou Island. There were 3,000 pounds of whitefish in the net when it was hauled to the surface. One-third of the poundage total was undersize. The officers made a clean sweep of the entire equipment.

Owners of the net are not known as all identification marks had been erased from the boys supporting the twine. Attempts are being made to determine the guilty parties.

POSSUMS COMING TO MICHIGAN

Reports being received from the southern tier of counties in the lower peninsula indicate that the possum is coming into Michigan. This animal, so often spoken of as the favorite dish of the southern dorkie, usually makes his home in the vicinity of or below the Mason-Dixon line. But he is appearing in large numbers particularly in Berrien county. Those acquainted with the opossum's migratory habits say that he is moving into Michigan from Ohio where he has come to be a familiar figure in recent years. One has been sighted as far north as Clinton county in central Michigan.

As a potential game and fur animal, the department of conservation has listed him among those slated for proposed protection in the re-codification of the state's game and fish laws. The fur is not of great value in the eye of the pelt seeker, but is occasionally used for commercial purposes.



1—Boulder canyon in the Colorado river where congress has decided a great dam shall be built. 2—Uncle Sam's first squad of "dry flyers" who are capturing stills and rum boats along the Texas border. 3—View of J. C. Penney estate, Miami Beach, Fla., where President-Elect Hoover will rest after the Latin American tour.

HIGH SCHOOL FIVE DEFEAT CHARLEVOIX

Grayling High School's undefeated basketball team advanced their string of victories to five last Thursday night in what proved to be the thriller of games this season, by defeating the fast Charlevoix five 18-13.

After a slow start during which time Charlevoix drew a slight lead, the Cushmanites got into action and what they did from then on was just too bad for the Charlevoix lads. The score being tied at 9 all, Fenton dropped a pretty basket, Stinchcomb caged one, Neal came through with two, Wylie contributed with a nifty "long Tom," Brady making brilliant passes to them. Each and every man contributed their best basket ball which made a well earned victory for the local school, keeping their record unmarred.

Charlevoix, coached by Stubby Kipke, former state star, had a rangy team and showed excellent training in passing and teamwork as far as the regular line, but to go any farther was found to be seemingly impossible and the visitors were compelled to resort to long shots, few of which were effective.

The lineups: Grayling 18 Charlevoix 13
Neal Stinchcomb Emavak
Brady Marshall
Wylie Supernaw
Fenton McCall
Nevak
Referee: Milnes. Umpire: Robertson.

She's Police Chief



Here is the chief of the police of Esthonia, one of the new Baltic states. Ten years ago she was a peasant woman on a farm in her husband's village. She is wearing her full regalia, the bell-shaped plate being the emblem of Esthonia's national security.

MINE LAYING SUB MAKES RECORD

It has been learned at the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit, that the new mine laying submarine, the U.S.S. V-4, has established a new diving record by remaining on the ocean's floor at a depth of 818 feet for a period of 20 minutes. At this depth the water pressure outside the hull is approximately 140 pounds per square inch. The V-4 is 381 feet long, with a maximum breadth of 33 ft., 7 1/2 in., has a surface displacement of 2,876 tons and a surface speed of 17 knots. She is armed with one 6 inch gun, four 21 inch torpedo tubes and 80 mines.

PAY YOUR DOG TAX BEFORE JAN. 1ST

If you intend to permit your dog to run at large, get your license tag before January 1st. Pay at my service station between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. any day. ALFRED HANSON, Township Treasurer.

Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

New Year's Sunday, December 30th, 1928

10:30 a. m. "A Call to Adventure—1929."
7:30 p. m. "A Great Book's Message" Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" or "The ignominy of half-heartedness."

A New Year's Message for 1929

In the Bible it is written, "No man liveth unto himself." And Alfred Tennyson takes up the same thought when he writes, "I am a part of all that I have not."

So that the year 1929, so far as it may have meaning for me and for those whose lives come into contact with mine, has infinite purpose and worth. Of course, I can live life carelessly and aimlessly, and even, brutally. But even then, I cannot avoid the responsibility which is mine, so far as my life relates itself to other lives. I cannot evade this law of the universe any more than I can evade the law of gravity.

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean will leave a track behind forevermore; The lightest wave of influence, once in motion, Extends and widens to the eternal shore. We should be wary, then, who go before A myriad yet to be; and we should take Our bearing carefully where breakers roar And fearful tempests gather; one mistake May wreck unnumbered barks that follow in our wake."

Well might we pray, "O God give me that spiritual sensitiveness; so that I am able to appreciate the seriousness of living in 1929."

YOUNG FREDERIC MAN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Floyd Kenneth Goshorn, age 20 years, oldest son of Supervisor Floyd A. Goshorn of Fredon, passed away in Northville Monday following a short illness of pneumonia. The Goshorn family left a couple of weeks ago to visit in the southern part of the state and were visiting in Northville when the young man was taken ill.

The remains were brought to Fredon Christmas morning and the funeral is being held there this afternoon. The young man was a graduate of the Frederic High School and had hosts of friends, all of whom are sorry to learn of his untimely demise.

The Goshorn family seem to be having more than their share of trouble, the mother of the family passing away last July. The remaining members of the family have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

700 XMAS PACKAGES GIVEN TO KIDDIES

Jolly Old Santa Claus was on the job promptly at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon with his sleigh load of goodies for the boys and girls of Crawford county. "A kind and gentle heart he had" and hitched his speedy reindeer on the outskirts of town to rest while he loaded his presents onto a sleigh drawn by two snow-white steeds, and came to town, bells a-tingin' and everybody smiling.

Having made so many speeches the boys' voice was croaked so T. W. Hanson did the talking for him, "I like how happy Santa was to visit the kiddies here and wished them a merry Christmas."

If there were any boys or girls left it was their own fault. Over 700 packages of goodies were passed out and there was cheer aplenty in every boy and girl's heart that evening. And besides several truck loads of good things to eat went to one of the homes, and some of the younger ones were provided with games, dolls and toys. This was a happy Christmas in this community.

Wins Rhodes Honors



Robert Z. Hickman of Benton, Ill. and on the University of Illinois championship football team, has been selected as a Rhodes scholar. Although he weighed only 140 pounds, he was selected for the football team by Bob Zuppke, Illinois coach, who said that champions came in all sizes.

HIGH FINISH TO FORD BODIES

The external finish of pyroxylin lacquer and the manner in which it is applied are further examples of the superior workmanship that is going into the production of this latest of Henry Ford's products.

When the new Ford body enters the paint department it is first treated to a bath of special spirits until all traces of oil or grease are removed. It is then dried with clean towels and carefully buffed to smooth out all burrs or marks that may have been made in the process of assembling the body. Greases or other places inaccessible to a towel are blown clean with compressed air.

Next comes another wash which not only cleans the body again, but also neutralizes any acids that may have remained on it. In this final washing process, the workmen are required to use rubber gloves to preclude the possibility of any finger marks on the smooth, metal surfaces. Following this the body is again thoroughly wiped, this time with specially prepared cloths which will not leave any lint or dust on the body surface.

Then the clean body goes into a spray booth where it is given the primer coat. Next it is placed in a drier and kept there for two hours at 22 degrees Fahrenheit. Following this any slight imperfections that may remain are removed with a flexible knife and metal glaze.

Next comes a coat of foundation surfacer and another period of drying for an hour and a half at 225 degrees Fahrenheit. The body then emerges from the drying room into a rubbing deck, where skilled workmen wash and smooth the surface with clear water, very fine sandpaper and finely powdered pumice stone.

Another drying process takes thirty minutes, after which the body is ready for the pyroxylin. It is placed in the spraying booth where it is given two "double-header" coats of pyroxylin. Each double header coat consists of two consecutive coats, one applied with vertical strokes and the air brush and the other with horizontal strokes. Twenty minutes is allowed for air drying between each double header coat.

It requires but two and a half hours for the pyroxylin to set and harden thoroughly. Then with water, sponge and fine oil-bonded sandpaper, it is sanded to an absolutely smooth finish. Again the body is washed and dried with clean towels, compressed air again being used to clean out places inaccessible to the towels.

Finally, the body is given a mist coat of pyroxylin thinner—just enough to permit the microscopic sanding marks to be smoothed over. After drying for twenty minutes at 100 degrees Fahrenheit, the body goes to the polishers where it receives the high lustre which gives it such an attractive appearance.

NAVY PRESENTS "AMOY CUP" TO PRESIDENT

The Secretary of the Navy recently presented President Coolidge with the "Amoy Cup" to be kept as part of the furnishings of the White House, according to the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit. The Amoy Cup is a solid gold piece of Chinese workmanship presented by Prince Lang, representing the Imperial Chinese Government, to the U.S. Navy on the occasion of the visit of the Second Battleship Squadron to Amoy, China, on the round the world cruise in 1908.

CIVILIZATION CHARGED WITH LOSS OF WILD LIFE

Lansing, Dec. 24.—That civilization has much to do with the falling off of wild life, is the opinion that many conservationists are holding as a result of thorough study of problems that have arisen. Almost every day some fact comes to light that seems to uphold this belief. Recently the department of conservation was notified that six prairie chickens were found dead between two power line towers in Gladwin county. After a careful examination, Dr. M. D. Pirnie, the department's bird specialist, declared that the prairie chickens had positively met their death through collision with the power lines.

No evidence of disease or parasites was found on the specimens examined by Dr. Pirnie. It is his opinion that power and telephone lines are at just the right heights from the ground to constitute a menace to this bird, P. S. Lovejoy, in charge of game refuge development, said that boyhood experience in Illinois would seem to support this statement. He related that during excursions afield he often found birds wounded or killed by the wires.

Destruction of pheasant and quail nests by man is another item that goes on the debit side of the books. These birds frequently nest in second growth alfalfa or in fields that are to be plowed. The farmer inadvertently destroyed the nests while reaping his harvest. It is a situation that is difficult to remedy.

For instance, a farmer wrote the department that in one field he destroyed three nests. They were "broken up" before he could prevent it. Had these eggs been hatched and the birds raised to maturity, they would have furnished game for more than one sportsman. In New York State a farmer kept an account of eggs destroyed on his farm. The year's total was 600. When the sportsman pauses to consider the many repetitions of such instances he may easily realize where some of the game is going.

Last summer Fred A. Westerman, head of the fish division, counted the number of dead specimens of wild life that he found over an 80-mile section of state highway. They had been victims of automobiles. The total multiplied by the number of similar stretches of highway in the state gave an astounding figure.

Men armed with guns and natural enemies are not the only factors in the fading of wild life.



NAVY PRESENTS "AMOY CUP" TO PRESIDENT

GRAYLING, MICH.



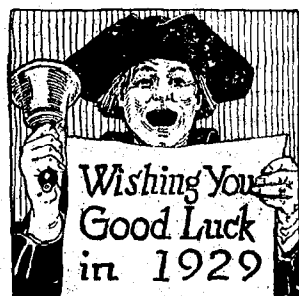
1929

We are starting a new year of activity. There is every indication that it is going to be an active one. Grayling is on the upward-path of progress, and it is our hope and aim to keep in step. May the great prosperity this nation is enjoying reach into every home in Grayling.

Our best wishes for your happiness is yours abundantly.

Michigan Public Service Co.

"We Electrify the Home."



As we enter into the business life of 1929 we shall endeavor in every way to serve the people of this community better. We shall endeavor to follow a forward direction that will assure builders and others the very latest commodities in building materials.

Our best wishes for a happy and successful New Year is hereby extended.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1928

LOCAL NEWS

Fred Alexander is spending several days in Grand Rapids, visiting friends.

There will be installation of officers at Masonic lodge this Thursday evening. Lunch and smoker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trudo of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Scholz of Saginaw were Christmas guests of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Earl Gierke is home for the holiday vacation from the Davenport-McLaughlin Institute, Grand Rapids, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke.

Esbern Hanson Jr. is home from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson.

Misses Margerthe and Ella Hanson arrived last Thursday from the Bennett School, Millbrook, New York, and are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Holger Schmidt and son DeVere were in Flint where they went to spend Christmas with the rest of the family. They returned today accompanied by Howard, who attends school in Flint.

Alfred Sanders, age 4 months and 13 days, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders passed away last Friday after a short illness of bronchial pneumonia. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. James Richardson, who has been employed in Detroit arrived home the last of the week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman. She expects to remain here indefinitely.

Mr. Culligan, father of Rev. J. L. Culligan of Grand Rapids came to spend the holidays visiting his son. Other guests are Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Culligan and little daughter Patricia, also of Grand Rapids.

Clyde Peterson and family have moved into the Alfred Bebb house. Mr. Bebb left Saturday to join his family in Bay City to spend Christmas expecting to leave shortly after for their new home in Durham, Ont.

Walter Cowell is under the doctor's care with quite a severe injury he received last Sunday, when he slipped and fell off the steps at his mother's home. He was assisting his mother, Mrs. Mary Turner down the steps, to take her over to his home for dinner when it happened.

Mr. Matilda Bishop, principal of one of the grade schools in Cleveland, Ohio, and son Douglas, are spending the holiday vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley. Also Mrs. McGivern of Detroit, Miss Gertrude of Gross Isle and her friend Philip Boucher, are visiting the Foley home.

Miss Loretta McDonnell, who is teaching at Penton is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonnell. She was accompanied by Mr. Joseph Dingman of Detroit who was her Christmas guest. Mr. Dingman returned to Detroit Tuesday accompanied by little Lawrence McDonnell to "end a 19" days, but will return shortly.

The annual Charity ball for the benefit of Mercy hospital has been postponed indefinitely because of the flu. While Grayling has but few "flus" still it is believed that there will be quite a number of people coming to the party from out of town and there is danger of its spread. Besides the close communion between dancers frequently endanger whenever one may be suffering from a cold.

Commerce Deceived by Methods of Counting

The signs even the most intelligent could count only as ten or twenty, the number of their fingers and toes. Then sticks and stone counters were laid in rows to indicate and compute numbers involved in barter and trade. In the earliest civilizations symbols were employed to some extent, then in Egypt they had the happy thought of drawing a picture to represent each quantity. Thus, a frog equaled 100,000 and a man with arms outstretched in admiration signified 10,000,000. The Greek and Roman systems of letters for numerals were considered a great advance, but only the most learned could do any adding or subtracting with them. The decimal system was brought by an ambassador from India into Arabia in 773 A. D., and European countries got their numerals from Arabia in the Twelfth century. It proved popular right away and teachers of the new system were in great demand. Trade and industry, so long hampered by a lack of any simple method of keeping accounts or doing business with persons at a distance, sprang into life—and the Commercial era was born.—Detroit News.

Porpoise Superior to Man in Size of Brain

The porpoise, usually considered a stupid creature, is now said to have a much larger brain than a man. This is a severe blow to man's pride in his well-developed cerebral hemisphere.

From the evolutionary point of view the porpoise is more highly developed than man, for after reaching the cat or dog stage of development it took up an aquatic habitation and underwent further evolutionary changes to suit his new surroundings. The former changed to a fin and the hind leg disappeared entirely. The skull broadened at the sides and shortened in front, so that the nose was forced up above the eyes, where it became a blow-hole.

The changes in the brain are being studied to determine how much they are due to aquatic environment.

Flood of Blood

The black natives of the Naga hills of Assam live under the tyranny of a system of demons called Nats, who are thought to be present everywhere and who control or influence every act of those miserable people. These gods are all-powerful. In order to propitiate them there must be a constant flowing of blood. When it is not possible to sacrifice the lives of those neighboring tribes upon whom they make war, they find a flood of blood by taking the lives of their own people and the women of the tribes must supply the blood with their lives. Great Britain exercises some supervision over this country and is at this time battling with the problem of preventing this terrible orgie. It has already been successful in discouraging similar practice in some other localities.

Ant Traps Its Victims

The ant-lion digs pitfalls to capture its prey. It is not apparent why the insect should be called a lion because the king of the forest uses no such device.

The pit, says the Kansas City Star, is made in sand or loose earth. It is cone-shaped, and in the bottom of this the "lion" reclines to catch its unwary victims. While the mother looks very harmless, yet her children are such unrelenting rascals that naturalists say were they to be left alone at birth the first to hatch would eat his brothers, so the mother is obliged to segregate the eggs.

Robby to the Rescue

Robby's mother had made a present of a toy shovel and sent him out in the sand lot to play with his baby brother. "Take care of baby, now," said his mother, "and don't let anything hurt him."

Presently screams of anguish from baby sent the distracted parent flying to the sand lot.

"What has happened to the baby?" she cried, trying to quiet the wailing infant.

"There was a fly biting him on the top of his head and I killed it with the shovel," was the proud reply.

Hawk Defended Nest

A California hawk in defense of its nest viciously attacked a man who attempted to touch it. The man, a Los Angeles gas and electric company line man, was working in a tower on power lines near Sausalito when he noticed the hawk's nest and shoved it over with his hand the better to do the work he was on. The bird attacked so viciously that the man lost hold and fell from the tower. He broke one leg, fractured two ribs and sustained numerous minor cuts and bruises.

Wait and See

"I hear you are not going to marry Mr. Newcomer after all. Why is that?" "Oh, father thinks his position isn't good enough and mother thinks he is too old for me. My nuns think he is too good-looking to make a satisfactory husband, and my Uncle Jim says he has heard rumors about him. My cousins tell me he is a flirt, and I—"

"Yes, and you—what do you think about it all?"

"Oh, I think I ought to wait until he asks me."

Auspicious Beginning

Speaking of bridges, a good way to start the evening of right is to grow when you see who is to be your partner in the first rubber.—Kansas City Star.

Pay for Curiosity

A person, who is too nice an observer of the business of the crowd, like one who is too curious in observing the labor of the bees, will often be stung for his curiosity.—Voltaire.

Why Father Insisted

Small Girl's Concerns

The late Marcus Law, the millionaire, praised marriage at a movie banquet.

"Marriage," he said, "is a fine thing, especially for women. It gives a woman freedom. We like to see married women flirt. It is an attractive sight. But if a married woman flirts."

"You all know, of course, the old story of the married man whose wife said to him:

"John, I didn't like the way you stared at that blonde girl at lunch."

"And John said glumly, 'Well, neither did she.'"

"Here's another story.

"A little girl of seven was taken by her father and mother to a department store to be fitted out for school. While the mother chose sweaters and shoes and so on in the children's section, wandering here and there, the father got into a pleasant chat with a pretty girl at the lingerie counter.

"His little daughter watched him for some time with disapproving looks; then she shouted across the store to her mother:

"Mother, just look at father! You'd never think he was married to us, would you?"

Caustic Criticism of Present-Day Mothers

"We may talk all we choose about how the world has changed, how civilization has advanced, and so on, but the fact remains that the fundamental have not changed one whit," declared Bishop Beatty in an address.

"Today, just as it has been throughout the ages, the future of the race depends upon the mothers of the present. I fear for the future because of these present-day mothers. They leave the children too much to themselves and the lack of proper guidance is developing deplorable conditions.

"Too many mothers are like Mrs. Blank of Park avenue, who called her maid to her one day and said:

"Fif, look out the window. Is that child mine or does it belong to some neighbor? It's been hanging around here all day!"

The Rose

The rose is said to have originated in Persia. It was used as a medicine and as a food by the ancients, and the Chinese still serve rose fritters at their New Year feast. By the Romans this flower was regarded as the symbol of silence as well as of love, and its name is a variation of the word Eros, the name of the god of love. In Rome it was used as an emblem of victory, of triumphant love and of pride and pomp.

By long association it was regarded as pagan, and after the founding of Christianity it was, therefore, in disrepute. Its beauty, however, was irresistible, and it soon became the flower of Christian martyrdom and the symbol of divine love being used in sacred paintings along with the lily. Martin Luther took a rose for his official seal, and it is glorified in the writings of Dante. Today it stands for beauty throughout the world.

Hats Betoken Wealth

The Yanks, who live on a little island south of Formosa, have two ambitions—to build fine boats, whose sides they ornament with beautiful designs, and to possess silver hats—the larger the better, for by the measure of his silver hat is the prestige of the individual judged.

The first requirement is a quantity of silver coins, which are laboriously beaten with a stone into thin strips. The strips are then made into cone-shaped hats. Some of the hats being hanging to the more affluent of the colony come down to the shoulders. An oblong opening is left for the eyes, so that the owner may survey the admiration his large hat attracts.

Jews and Samaritans

The historical origin of the hatred that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans may be found in the fact that when Sargon, the conqueror of Israel, destroyed the northern kingdom he repopulated Samaria with colonists from Babylon, Assyria and other lands. Later instructors were sent to these people in an attempt to instruct them in the worship of Jehovah; but, when the temple at Jerusalem was being rebuilt, the Jews refused to allow the Samaritans to help, thus increasing the rift between the two peoples.

Too Close

The two heavily advertised boxers were putting up a terrible exhibition of extreme emotion in the face of danger.

At the moment they were glaring at each other along the tops of their extended arms with very ferocious expressions, but they were quite six feet apart.

Suddenly there came a hoarse shout from the cheaper seats.

"Separate 'em!" it said.

Exiles Build Odd Church

A church of the Middle Ages has been built in a dark, narrow street in Paris as a "museum of faith" by exiled Russians. It is a Twelfth century Greek Orthodox church, constructed of wood and bricks.

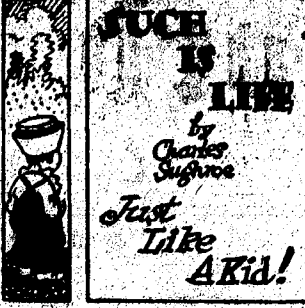
The church is decorated in the rich, gaudy style of old Byzantine saints and patriarchs and their stories are pictured on the walls, and icons are placed above the draped altar.

Modern Sun Worship

Moderns who worship the sun do it in a much different manner than that of the ancients. At Juan les Pins, France, the sun cults appear almost nude in order to benefit from the health giving rays of old Sol.

Yam! Yam!

Any man who does not like fried chicken set off with chicken gravy and buttered biscuits had the look of a Florida Times Union.



Pumpkin Put to Many Uses in New England

Long ago, when vegetables were scarce, even in summer, and not to be had at all in winter, the pumpkin was put to extraordinarily diversified uses. With it New England housewives made pumpkin-bread, now a lost art. Pumpkin was also used in the making of beer, custard, molasses, vinegar and pie.

Small wonder the early New Englanders, as it is related in Peter's General History of Connecticut, considered the pumpkin "one of the greatest blessings and held very sacred in New England."

Since earliest Colonial days the pumpkin has been the homely symbol in America of that season of mellow fruitfulness that separates summer from winter. Although its name is of French origin the pumpkin has become an institution typically American.

The etymology of the word can be traced from the French "pompon" in use before the colonization of America, through the stages of "pompon" and "pumpkin" to "pumpkin."

And except in print and among precise speakers one today will encounter the colloquial "pumpkin" oftener than the literary "pumpkin."

Singing Insects Bred as Pets by Japanese

It is in the summer that Japan's traffic in singing insects becomes most brisk. The largest wholesale insect store in the country offers its customers a rich variety of little singing friends.

The emma-korogi, or cricket, can be had for the equivalent of a dime, but the kutsuwamushi, a noisier creature, fetches a quarter. During the early summer season fireflies, cost about a cent apiece, but the price drops as summer advances and 100 of the merry fellows can be purchased for as little as 75 cents.

The chief insect store in Japan maintains three breeding stations in the suburbs of Tokyo, and it prides itself on supplying the imperial house with its indispensable bugs.

A really fine insect cage sells for as much as \$100, occupants and all. Protection of the insects' eggs calls for the highest skill, and under no circumstances are visitors allowed to enter the breeding grounds, whose pumped occupants live on mulberry leaves.—Living Age.

Equal to the Occasion

With scarcely a sound the luxurious car pulled before the seaside hotel, and an old gray-haired man descended.

"My doctor advises me to stay where the south wind blows continually," he remarked to the manager. "Does it blow here?"

"It does, sir," returned the other. "You are very fortunate to have stepped at exactly the right place. The south wind always blows here."

"The old man stuck a moistened finger in the air.

"Always?" he repeated. "Are you sure? It appears to be coming from the north just now."

"You're right, of course, sir. It's on its way back!"

Bachelor's Lament

Reunion night at a certain club had brought two old friends face to face after an interval of some years. In the meantime, one of the two had taken a wife.

"Well, Harry," he remarked, "tell me why you've never married."

"It's like this," replied the single one. "When I was quite young I resolved that I'd never marry until I met the ideal woman. I was diligent to please, but after four years I found her."

"Lucky beggar! And then—"

"Oh, she was looking for the ideal man," came the heart-broken reply.

British Royal Succession

The throne of Great Britain is hereditary in the British house of Windsor with mixed succession, the sons of the king and their descendants having precedence of daughters, but daughters and their descendants having preference over lateral lines. Thus, when the eldest child of a king is a daughter and there are sons, the eldest son will succeed, to the exclusion of the daughter. This occurred in the case of Queen Victoria—her eldest child was Princess Victoria, but she was succeeded on the throne by her eldest son, Edward VII.

Doubt and Darkness

In the dark, when a light comes along it is well to follow it closely in the darkness of doubt, when any gleam of light appears it is well to follow it at once. Some doubters may in doubt instead; but it is not largely their own fault.—Exchange.

Grayling City Telephone Co.

—Extends to all patrons and to the citizens of Crawford County the Season's Greetings and wish you all a most prosperous New Year.

E. P. CLARK,
General Manager.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Insignificant Man

How insignificant is man when we consider the universe! A light year is six trillion miles. The center of the Milky Way is sixty-five thousand light years from the earth; the edge of the system is one hundred thousand light years beyond the center. The opposite edge behind and nearest us is thirty-five thousand light years away. The figures are approximate.

Sweden in History

The place names of Sweden, many dating as far back as the Bronze age and from viking times, are now being specially studied and it is expected that much light will be thrown upon many linguistic and historical problems in other parts of Europe, as the population of Sweden has remained practically homogeneous for thousands of years. The language spoken has always been Swedish, although Swedish literature cannot be said to have existed earlier than the Thirteenth century.

Japanese Art

One of the most famous pictures of Japan, now in the royal palace at Tokyo, is made up of four panels three of which are blank. The fourth depicts a crow in flight just disappearing over the horizon. The painting was made at the command of a former emperor, and is considered a masterpiece, following the imaginative Japanese school of art in composition and movement. The single crow represents the last of a flock flying in a direction away from the center of the picture.

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MICKIE SAYS—

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE OLD FASHIONED MERCHANT WHOSE EXCUSE FOR NOT ADVERTISING WAS THAT HE'D BEEN RUNNING A STORE FOR FORTY YEARS AND EVERYBODY KNEW HIM?



DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

What Is a Light Year?

A light year is six trillion miles. It is the distance light travels in one year at the rate of 186,000 miles a second. A ray of light requires 220,000 years to cross our stellar system. No one can ever make a trip in a shorter time because the speed of light is the fastest speed of anything.

New Cardinal Manager



Billy Southworth, outfielder on the St. Louis Cardinals world championship team of 1926, and manager last year of Rochester, N. Y., a Cardinals farm, has been named manager of Cardinals, succeeding William McKechnie, who led the 1928 team to a league championship, will pilot the Rochester club next season.

Want Ads

HELP WANTED—Telephone operators wanted at once. Call or phone 9913 Grayling City Telephone Co.

FOR SALE—Dining table, buffet and bench winder. Mrs. Walter LaMotte.

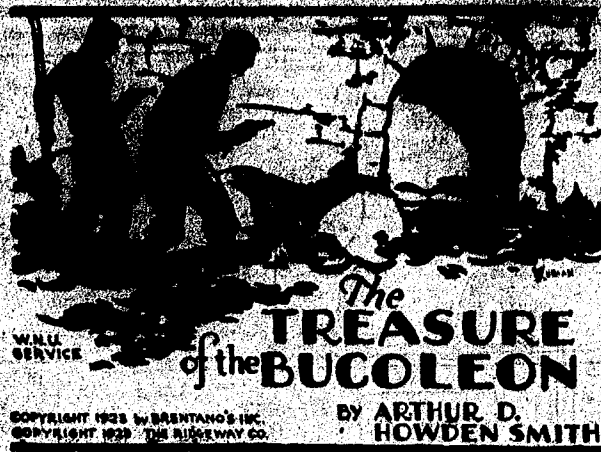
WANTED—A horse to keep for the winter, or will buy if price is right and if same may be bought on terms. William Ellis, Route 1, Roscommon, Mich.

FOR SALE—One wood heater and one hard coal heater. Both in first class condition. Phone 113-R, Roy Holmberg.

STRAYED—To my place, 1 Shropshire ram. Ed. Feldhauer, Star Route No. 1, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—Several houses and lots, two vacant lots and a place well fitted for a business place, located on U. S. 27. Also blacksmith shop on U. S. 27. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, administrator, Palmer Estate.

BARGAIN OFFER FOR 200 ACRES—Close to Grayling. Look this over if interested. O. P. Schumann, realtor, Avalanche Bldg. Phone 111.



THE STORY

CHAPTER I—In New York, Hugh Chesby, English World War veteran, for a time a story of a treasure in Constantinople in the existence of which his uncle, Lord Chesby, firmly believed. A cablegram notified Hugh of his uncle's death. Lord Chesby, who had been in Constantinople for some time, had been found dead in a room. A letter from his uncle, dated a few days before his death, told Hugh that his uncle had been in Constantinople for some time, and that he had been found dead in a room. A letter from his uncle, dated a few days before his death, told Hugh that his uncle had been in Constantinople for some time, and that he had been found dead in a room.

CHAPTER II

The Papers in the Charter Chest

At Liverpool we wired to Hugh's solicitors for an appointment that afternoon and dispatched Watkins direct to Chesby with the body of his late master. We arrived at London about four o'clock, and took a taxi to the offices of Courtney, Bellows, Manson and Courtney.

A clerk stepped forward as we entered, but before he could speak a brown figure shot out of an inner office and wrapped Hugh and me in a joyful hug. It was Nikka, thinner than we remembered him, but with the same steady eyes and quiet smile. He was abashed by his own enthusiasm and started to apologize.

"I am so glad to see you two," he said. "I forget it is a time of sadness. Yet even so it means gladness for me that I see my friends again."

"It's gladness for all of us," Hugh returned, wringing his hand with his delicate, slender fingers.

"It means something like the old life once more," I added. "That is, if you can come, Nikka."

"I'll come," he said simply. "For two years I have been faithful to my fiddle. Now, I think, it is time I had a rest."

An elderly gentleman, with gray hair and precise features, emerged from the inner offices and bowed deferentially to Hugh.

"I trust your lordship is in good health, if you remember."

"Of course, Mr. Bellows," assented Hugh. "I remember your very well. This is my friend, Mr. Nash. Mr. Zarakno, I take it, you already know. Are you at liberty?"

"Sure, sir. I expected you. This way, please."

And he ushered us into a room where chairs were clustered about a square table on which reposed a huge, steel-bound box of very heavy, dark oak. Mr. Bellows waved his hand toward the box.

"I trust I anticipated your lordship's wishes. I directed the bank to send up the Charter Chest this afternoon."

"Quite right," said Hugh, "it will simplify our task. Did my uncle leave any will?"

A shadow settled on Mr. Bellows' face.

"There was no need, your lordship. The estate is entailed. The shipping bonds, your grandmother's dower, went before the war. The mining shares all have been sold, as well as several smaller blocks of securities. Aside from some insurance accruing from your uncle's demise, there is practically nothing outside of the Chesby lands."

He wrung his hands nervously.

"Oh, Mr. Hugh—I beg your pardon, your lordship—I don't know what you shall have to do. The death duties can scarcely be met. I am afraid we must raise another mortgage at a ruinous rate or else move to break the entail and sell off some of the farms. I warned his late lordship again and again of the harm he was doing, but he would never listen to me."

"Poor Uncle James has paid a stiff price for his efforts," answered Hugh. "I can't find it in my heart to take exception to his extravagances after what he would have wished us to go after the treasure, any cost."

"The treasure!" Mr. Bellows permitted himself a faint smile of amusement. "Am I to understand that your lordship has succumbed to this fatal lure?"

"You may understand that I am extremely interested in the possibility of finding it," retorted Hugh. "I do not blame you one instant for being skeptical, Mr. Bellows. I felt so, myself, until recent events forced me to the conclusion that there may—notice, please, that I say may—be more to the matter than I had imagined. I am anxious to secure your advice, and therefore I propose that Mr. Nash and I recount for you and Mr. Zarakno precisely what happened in connection with my uncle's visit to New York."

So we began with the time I found the messenger boy studying the door of our apartment, and carried the tale through to Lord Chesby's death in Bellevue. Mr. Bellows was visibly shocked.

"I had not supposed such criminals existed any longer," he said. "However, let me draw to your attention the fact that these incidents happen, I in New York. They could never have happened in England."

"They might have happened anywhere," interjected Nikka, speaking for the first time. His face was very serious as he leaned forward over the table.

"In the first place," he continued, "consider this treasure. I have always

heard of it as the Treasure of the Bucoleon, but I believe it is also sometimes referred to as the Treasure of Andronicus."

"You mean to say, you, too, have heard of it?" exclaimed Mr. Bellows.

"Yes, it is well known in the Near East. I am a spy. My father before me was Volvode (Zabldjo or king of the Balkan gypsies. I have heard a story that a certain tribe of gypsies in Constantinople guard the supposed site of the treasure. But I do not vouch for the story."

I do, however, vouch for the statement that Lord Chesby is confronting an organized international band of criminals with many gypsy members; and I do not believe that such a band would waste time on any enterprise which they did not have good reason to believe would promise handsome profits. I know something of this band. If it is the one I have heard of, we are menaced by the most intelligent combination of thieves, murderers and outlaws that ever acted together."

"What do you know about them?" I asked.

"I have heard that they are doing a great deal of smuggling, and it is in this work that they use the gypsies especially. I have heard, too, of this Toulou Lafitte, but he has many other names. He is said to be a combination of blood-thirsty monster and intensely clever strategist. The band have ramifications in all classes of society, and there are few countries they do not reach. I have no doubt, Hugh, they made arrangements in your uncle's case with some affiliated organization in America."

"Why don't you tell this to the police?" demanded Mr. Bellows.

"What good would it do? The police would laugh at me—and I should be stabbed some dark night. No, I can turn my knowledge to better use by aiding Lord Chesby in his quest."

"It's blame lucky we have Nikka to help us!" I exclaimed. "And I'd like to ask him for his candid opinion on the treasure business."

"I don't know," said Nikka slowly. "I should not like to raise Hugh's hopes, but—put it this way. I should not be surprised if it is true. Before we go any further, let us ascertain the facts we have to go upon."

"That is my idea," agreed Hugh. "Mr. Bellows, I gathered from Watkins that my uncle discussed his discovery with you. Did he indicate precisely what it was or where he had found it?"

Mr. Bellows joined his fingers tip to tip with meticulous precision. A thoughtful expression possessed his face.

"Watkins is correct in his supposition. Your uncle did discuss his—ah—fancied discovery with me. Aside from the fact that he had made it whilst at Chesby—"

"At Chesby?" Hugh interrupted.

"So I understood. He came in just before he started for Constantinople the last time. I should describe him as considerably excited. 'By Jove, Bellows,' he said, 'do you know, I've found the missing part of the Instructions? I remember I pooh-poohed his claim and instead of becoming angry, as he usually did, he laughed at me. 'Oh, you may doubt,' he said, 'but I am going to Constantinople. It's there, Bellows, I am persuaded, but we shall have to figure carefully on getting it out.'"

"Humph," said Hugh. "That's not much to go on. Do you know what he did with the missing half of the Instructions?"

"No, sir. He never showed it to me, and so far as I know he did not have it in his possession when he was here."

"Well, let's have a look at the Charter Chest."

Mr. Bellows went to a safe in the corner, and took from an inner compartment a bunch of heavy keys. With these he opened lock after lock along front and sides of the old chest. Hugh and I carefully raised the lid. The chest was packed with smaller boxes, some of wood and some of iron and steel.

The aged solicitor indicated a massive steel box in one corner.

"That contains the Instructions and related documents, your lordship," he said, and lifting it to the table top, fitted a small key to the lock.

There was a click and the cover flew back. Inside was a wooden lid, which Hugh pried up with his thumb nail, and below that a layer of oil silk, and below that again more layers of oil silk and linen. Finally, we came to several framed parchments.

The first frame contained a sheet of parchment, I should say, twelve inches by ten, covered with minute Black Letter script in a rather corrupt form of medieval Latin.

"That is Hugh's Instructions," said the solicitor. "I'd advise you not to strain your eyes trying to make out the original. We had a very careful translation prepared, and checked over by scholars at Oxford."

He drew out a typewritten sheet of foolscap, and Nikka and I read it over. Hugh's shoulder:

"INSTRUCTIONS of Hugh, Lord of Chesby, I, Hugh, write this for my son, and it may be for those who come after him.

"In the reign of the Emperor Andronicus Comnenus my father visited Constantinople, and the emperor made much of him. At the emperor's re-

quest of a certain parchment, which Andronicus had promised by conducting and during the visit of some nobles. None save these two knew the location of the treasure."

"It is claimed that my father passed over to the Holy Land and the Emperor Andronicus was slain by his enemies. The Emperor Isaac, who succeeded Andronicus, sent urgent messages to my father, bidding him visit Constantinople that the new emperor might do him honor. And in time my father journeyed again to Constantinople, and the emperor would have him yield the secret of the treasure. But my father would not, because Andronicus had obtained from him a solemn oath never to give up the treasure to anyone save one who would spend it for the bettering of the empire, and the new emperor craved it for his own use and content."

Then the emperor threw my father into prison, and so kept him until Meester Baldwin of Flanders and Meester Dandolo of Venice and the barons of the Crusade went against the emperor and smote him down."

"His fortune continued to beset the empire, and so my father kept the secret. In God's appointed time he died and passed on the secret to me. Now, I, too, see Death riding toward me."

"Harken, then, my son, and those of your seed who come after us. The lords of Constantinople are rotten. Their empire dwindles away. The treasure is not for such as they."

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"It was she who blocked up the old family crypt, saying it was not fit to bury Protestant Chesbys with the Papist lords."

"Yes," said Mr. Bellows, turning from the stenographer, "and if you recall, my lord, she blocked up the crypt so successfully that its exact location has been a mystery ever since. And to us he explained: 'It lies somewhere under the extensive ruins of Crowden priory, an old monastic establishment which was closely linked with Chesby in the Middle Ages.'"

Hugh rose reluctantly.

"I am afraid I have learned nothing here," he said. "We'll take the night train for Chesby."

Mr. Bellows suspended his work of returning the several documents to their places in the steel box.

"I do hope you will take thought to whatever you do, your lordship," he urged. "As you see, the trail so far is blind, and whatever validity we may attach to your uncle's assertion that he had discovered the clue, it must be manifest that you are helpless until you have learned as much as he did."

"You are quite right," returned Hugh, somewhat to the old gentleman's surprise. "But we intend to find out what my uncle discovered. You say I am ruined as it is. Well, then I can well afford to risk whatever is left on the chance of extricating the estate."

The impatient Watkins met us at Chesby station with a motor car in which we were whirled off through murky woods and a half-sleep park to a low, rambling building of varying architecture set on the summit of a saddle-back hill.

A butler no less dignified than Watkins held the door open for us, and a palsied footman strove with the valet for custody of our scanty baggage. Watkins motioned both aside when we entered the high-placed hall.

"This way, if you please, your lordship and gentlemen," he said. "I've laid supper served in the gunroom. 'Is late ludo used it as a snuggery, as 'e called it, Mister Hugh—beg pardon, sir, your ludo—and far more cheery it is, sir, with a bright fire and all than the other rooms.'"

"That's fine," approved Hugh, and he led us after Watkins through a short passage to the right and into a big room, with multioned windows, deeply embowered and carved oak rafters and stone walls showing above the rich paneling that rose a tall man's height from the floor.

Hugh rubbed his hands with satisfaction.

"This is home," he said.

But a shadow instantly chased the smile from his lips.

"And if Bellows is correct, it will continue to be my home only if we succeed in finding something lost more than seven hundred years ago," he added.

"If it is to be found we shall find it," answered Nikka.

I stepped over to the fireplace and examined the splendid carvings in deep relief that adorned stone and woodwork. Hugh up near the roof on the overmantel I discerned the family crest, together with numerous heraldic shields in colors faded and dimmed. But the most curious feature of the ornamentation was a lower panel supported by a group of bibulous monks in comically disordered attitudes. On the panel appeared to be lettering.

"Watkins," I called, "bring me a candle, please."

He lifted a weighty candelabra from the table and carried it toward me, Hugh and Nikka trailing him like small boys eager to view anything new. As he held it aloft, arm-high, the soft light shone on four lines of Gothic lettering which had once been gilded. They shined clearly in the age-old oak of the paneling:

Where thatte ge Happtiat
Churhynne
Wondde seke Hys Son's
cunten
Hys tockened up ge Hysafinge
Stone
And trodde ge Prior's Bent.

"I had forgotten that," exclaimed Hugh. "It's some more of Lady Jane's poetry."

"But what was her idea?" I persisted for the whimsicalness of the thing interested me.

"Oh, as I told you, she was violently anti-Catholic," said Hugh carelessly.

"It was she, you know, who sealed up the old family crypt and built a new one in the priory, as the parish church is called. She probably believed that the former monks of the priory had been more interested in their wine cellar than in masses."

"But the 'Prior's Bent'? What on earth is that? And this 'Wyssling Stone,' too? What could that be?"

"It must have been something connected with entering the wine cellar. Oh, it's a most perfectly simple thing. Crowden priory was one of those establishments believed guilty of abuses which furnished Henry the Eighth with his excuse for looting the monastic orders. The facts were still a matter of memory in Lady Jane's time, and she took advantage of them to mock the Catholics. That's all. Come and eat or Nikka will leave you nothing. Watty, what is the news?"

The valet deposited a chafing dish and stood by my place.

"Mr. Penfellow, the year, your ludo ship, instructed me to tell you the service for 'Is late ludo' would be tomorrow morning, as you requested. 'E had made all arrangements consequent upon receiving your ludo ship's cablegram. Oh, yes, sir, and Mr. Hilyer was over from Little Depping this afternoon in a motor—with some lady friend, sir—and asked for you. 'E said 'e would be at the funeral, sir."

Hugh frowned.

"I will not have anything to do with that funeral," he growled.

"He can't get a decent man inside his house, and if he thinks I shall fall for this just because I've spent two years in America!"

"What's the matter with the man? Inquired Nikka.

"Everything," (The Hilyers own the place next to us—Little Depping, it is called. They were always decent enough people, but this chap, Monty Hilyer, is a wrong 'un. He got into

trouble before the war with the stewards of the Jersey club, and was barred from the course. Then he picked up a reputation as a card sharp and society member. For a while he used the hangar, a Continental resort and place the innocent."

"When the war came he enlisted, made a splendid record and earned a commission. The best thing that happened was a scandal in his mess over heavy play, and he was compelled to resign. He's a bad egg, through and through."

Watkins removed the savory, and received a platter of sandwiches from the butler, whom he permitted to come no further than the door.

"And your ludo ship may remember Mr. Hilyer married some years ago—before 'e got into trouble, sir," he observed as he placed the platter before us. "She was, if I may say so, your ludo ship, not one of us."

"Watkins contrived to express deep disapprobation, without wringing or contorting his countenance, a trick in which I always marveled. 'She was an actress or something like that. Well, it's to the beggar's favor that he married her. But they can't come footling around here. I've got the whole county up in arms against me. We chatted for a while, and then Watkins guided us to the upper story where three adjoining bedrooms had been made ready."

(To be continued.)

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Sun Nearest Earth in January

Although we experience the warmest weather in late summer, the earth is actually nearest the sun in early January. From that time on the earth recedes about 17,000 miles a day. By during summer the sun is more nearly overhead so that its rays are more concentrated and it is this concentration that produces heat.

(A 1922 Western Newspaper Union.)

Mrs. Pearl Oldfield

Mrs. Pearl Oldfield, widow of the late Representative W. A. Oldfield of Arkansas, Democratic whip in the house, has been nominated by the Democratic state central committee to be a candidate in a special election to succeed her husband for both the short term expiring next March and the two-year term beginning at that time. If elected Mrs. Oldfield will be the first congresswoman from Arkansas.

Do Your Kidneys Purify Your Blood?

If Bladder Weakness, Getting Up Nights, Backache, Burning or Itching Sensation, leg or groin pains make you feel old, tired, peevish, and worn out why not make the Cystex 48 Hour Test? Don't give up. Get Cystex today at Mac & Gidley's. Put it to a 48-hour test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, full of pep, sleep well, with pains alleviated. Try Cystex today. Only 60c.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land
County of Crawford.
The southwest quarter of sec. 34, town 26N, range 3W. Amount paid \$29.78 tax for year 1924.

Amount necessary to redeem \$— plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Jay Spaulding, place of business Detroit, Michigan.

To Mary A. Westlake, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Arthur Osterman and E. D. Seelye, grantees under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

John Staley, mortgagee named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

12-5-4

Night and Old Age

Old age is the night of life, as night is the old age of day. Still, night is full of magnificence, and for many it is more brilliant than day.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 19th day of December A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Sullivan, late of the Township of Frederic, said County, deceased.

Thomas Cassidy the duly appointed administrator having filed in said court his petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that the 14th day of January A. D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that Thomas Cassidy be the duly appointed and qualified administrator of said estate, and all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

12-20-4

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land
County of Crawford.
The Northeast quarter of the north-east quarter of sec. 14, town 28N, range 1W. Amount paid \$48.54 tax for years 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem \$92.08 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Elmer E. Brooks and Margaret E. Brooks, place of business Ann Arbor, Michigan.

To Edward Smith, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Orlando F. Barnes, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds; and T. E. Douglas & Company assignee of record.

12-5-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Peterson, late of the Village of Grayling in said County, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the tenth day of December A. D. 1922, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES
OF THE 'AVALANCHE' OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 28, 1912

Miss Mable Ivory is visiting at the home of Prof. E. G. Clark.

Miss Goldie Pond went to Bay City and Detroit for her Christmas outing.

Miss Vera Richardson celebrated at Detroit and Windsor.

Miss Catherine McPeak was with her old chums in Bay City Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chapell, Christmas morning, a daughter. A beautiful Christmas gift.

W. Woodfield and family spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Archie McKay at West Branch.

Miss Laura Simpson is home for a two weeks vacation from her school at Traverse City.

Howard and Gladys Wheeler are visiting their cousin Irene LaSprance of Lewiston.

Mr. Will Mortenson went to Saginaw for the holidays with his sister Mrs. Adelbert Alderson.

Frank Phelps came up from Stanton Saturday to eat turkey from the parental table.

Jas. Ballard was up from Tawas for his turkey, and took his mother home with him to complete the visit.

Misses Francis and Helen Benkman visited Bay City for Christmas, and part of their vacation.

Miss Bertha Woodburn was home from Gaylord and her brother from Bay City for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Trathen, nee May Cameron, now of Houghton, Mich., were visitors at C. O. McCollough's the last of the week, but went to Gaylord to eat turkey with the "old folks at home."

Perhaps the most acceptable present of the thousands given here last Monday, was received by Geo. Mahon, whose wife presented him with a nine pound son. Mother and child are doing nicely, and "Geo." is regaining his usual equanimity.

Mrs. Rolla Brink was given a happy Christmas by the presence of her mother, Mrs. P. C. Smith, and her brother M. J. Smith, of Bay Port. While all were glad, especially little Alice, that both grandmas were present as well as grandpa Brink.

Fred R. Welsh visited friends at Reed City, Monday.

Willard Hammond and his mother and Miss Clara Colson spent Christmas with friends in Bay City, their former home.

Fred Sleight and family came down from Johannesburg, Saturday, to pass the Christmas time at Grandpa Havens'. They returned Thursday.

Mrs. Schrieber was called to Otter Lake this week on account of the serious illness of her grandfather, who

is past seventy years of age.

The home of Nels Michelson was made glad at Christmas time by the presence of E. E. Hartwick and family of Jackson, P. L. Michelson and family from Johannesburg and Olaf Michelson from Owosso. Of course the "boys" had to get back to business but the best part, the girls and kids stayed for a little visit.

The football season just closed had a score of eighteen killed and 159 injured. The base ball casualties make a better showing, only eleven fatalities being reported. The boxing ring has a credit of six and nine were killed in horse races. The open season for game was attended by seventy killings and eighty-one wounded. This might be held to be a big price to pay for sport but think of the fun that was had.

Died at her home in Beaver Creek, Friday, Dec. 23rd, Mary Hildreth, aged 84 years. Deceased was the widow of John P. Hildreth, one of the pioneers of this county who died last March.

Crawford Grange P. of H. No. 934 at their last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master—John L. Hannes. Overseer—Lewis Parker. Secretary—Perry Ostrander. Lecturer—Mrs. Anna Harrington. Steward—John Shively. Chaplain—Elmer Ostrander. Treasurer—John Harrington. Ass't Steward—Herbert Parker. Gate Keeper—Mrs. John Shively. Ceres—Katie Waldron. Pomona—Mrs. Henry Moon. Flora—Miss Nellie Corwin.

Maple Wood Arbor, Gleaners, No. 1020, at their last regular meeting elected the following officers: Chief Gleaner—George Annis. Vice Chief—Ralph Hanna. Sec'y—Arthur W. Parker. Chaplain—Mrs. C. Christianson. Lecturer—Mrs. Phebe Poquette. Conductor—Mrs. John Shively. Inner Guard—Alton Brott. Outer Guard—Fred Parker.

Last Monday afternoon the Best Band in Michigan turned out and gave our citizens and their visitors a number of selections of their music. Our band is one of which any city might well be proud, and should receive the hearty support which they really deserve.

A brighter or more pleasant Christmas day than last Monday could not well be imagined. The sleighing was perfect, and the mercury just at freezing point so it could be comfortably enjoyed, and the spirit of the time seemed to pervade the community.

Read your home paper, Subscribe for the Avalanche.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DEFERRED PAYMENTS?

By Erwin Gross, (President, Great School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

An executive of the Studebaker corporation urges me to tell car purchasers to make special inquiry into the amounts they are being charged for carrying their deferred payments. And it is excellent advice.

Charges exacted by one finance company may be twice as much as those asked by another company, amounting from \$50 to \$112 more. A cheaper automobile may actually cost its buyer more in the end than a higher priced car, when higher finance rates are charged on deferred payments.

Here's an example: every car buyer ought to remember when he investigates the price of a new car. Take one selling for \$1,200, with a third down payment and the rest to be paid in twelve months. One finance concern will charge \$127.12 for handling these deferred payments. The lowest reliable rate in the industry, Studebaker shows, is \$63.50 or just half that much.

The excess might buy bumpers, a motorometer and a spare tire.

Even the finance charges on a used Ford, exacted by one company, may cost \$15 more on a deferred balance of \$300 than the charges on a used car handled under another finance plan.

This financing business is of much more importance to the car buyer than he ordinarily understands. List prices on automobiles deceive, when finance charges far exceed the amount a buyer should be expected to pay.

This is important: Charges asked by one dealer often exceed the extra allowance that dealer will make on a used car. Many dealers hang on a balance of \$25 or \$50 in allowance on a used car. Often the buyer takes the larger allowance without realizing he will pay it all back—and more—in excess finance charges.

What appears to be a low rate often does not contain fire and theft insurance coverage. Or the rate of interest may be applied to the entire cost of the car during the full twelve months, in spite of the fact the buyer pays one-third when taking delivery and reduces the amount due, month by month.

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Bookplate That Are Prized by Collectors

A "bookplate" is a typographical or pictorial label, used to denote the ownership of a book. Bookplates are considered to have had their origin in Germany, though an unsupported claim has been made that they were used in Japan in the Tenth century, and certain small clay tablets are believed to have performed in Babylon and Assyria an office similar to that of the bookplate of today. The earliest printed bookplate we know of was used about 1480. From Germany the use of the bookplate spread to France and finally, to all continental countries. The bookplate first used in America were of English make, brought over by the wealthy Colonists. They possess great interest as memorials of the old families; but the plates engraved by the hands of our first American engravers, Nathaniel Hurd and Paul Revere of Boston, Amos Doolittle of Connecticut and Alexander Anderson, easily surpass them in value. The earliest date on an American bookplate by an American engraver is 1740, on the Thomas Dering plate engraved by Hurd.

Tests Show Dog Has
No Sense of Colors

Perhaps the most interesting development of experiments in Russia is the discovery that the dog is practically color blind. If he knows red from green or black from brown, it is only because he distinguishes a difference in the brightness of the two objects. In general, his sense of sight proved to be inferior to that of man, for though the dogs used in the laboratory were more keenly alive to motion than their human competitors, their vision for still objects was much fainter.

Dr. J. C. Warden and L. H. Warner, psychologists of Columbia university, proved that a dog's sense of smell is superior to that of man, a fact generally admitted. A German shepherd dog, for example, was able in every instance to pick out a small piece of pine wood that had been handled by his keeper even when the contact was only of two seconds' duration and the wood block was placed among 20 others that had not been touched.

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OUCH IS LIFE Charles Suprice one on father

HOW DO YOU WANT THIS NICKEL CHANGED?

INTO A DIME

HAVE YOU STILL GOT THAT NICKEL? GOOD BOY!

OH, DAD! WILL YA CHANGE A NICKEL FOR ME?

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YOUTH AND AGE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

"Hello, young boy," the conductor said to me as he recognized my face when I was getting onto the train, "you look like a kid today." Now I knew very well that I was looking anything but like a young boy. It is as difficult to simulate youth when one is past middle age as it is for youth to simulate maturity.

I was flattered by his suggestive words. I liked his greeting. It at least suggested that I had not quite reached senility, that there was still some life and activity in me. We all dislike admitting that all semblance of youth has disappeared.

I was fifteen, as I now remember, tall and very slender, but badly muscled, when Mr. Corrington visited us. Mr. Corrington was a man of experience and of financial standing. He had traveled a good deal. He had seen much of the world, he had made a tremendous business success, and we all valued his judgment upon whatever subject he chose to express himself. We listened when Mr. Corrington spoke.

"How old are you?" he asked me one day after watching my movements for a time.

"Fifteen," I replied.

"You look older," he said. "I should have thought you seventeen at least."

He could not have said a more pleasing or flattering thing to me. I was eager to be grown up. I wanted most of all to be thought a man. The most humiliating thing which could happen to me was to be spoken to as if I were a child. Seventeen, he said I looked. I drew myself up and threw my shoulders back. I was not so far from manhood as I had feared.

Why is it that when one is old nothing so pleases him as to be thought young, and that when one is young there is nothing which so flatters him as to be thought mature and sophisticated?

Young people of today more than any other young people I have known want to be thought experienced, and sophisticated. The young have always despised youth and have done their best to conceal it or to evade its limitations and its restrictions, but never so eagerly as they try today to deny its inexperience. Nothing pleases a college boy more than to call him "old man"; nothing gives him greater irritation than to indicate to him that after all he is still a good deal of a child even though he may have seen twenty years. He wants to be grown up; he wants to be wise; he is not satisfied with youth.

And so old age looks back and longs for what it does not have. Mrs. Gould, wrinkled and stoop-shouldered at seventy-five, dresses like a young girl of sixteen, wears chiffon stockings and shoes with French heels which pinch her feet almost beyond human endurance. She rouges her cheeks and pencils her eyebrows all with the hope that people will think her young. Frazier was wearing a wig the last time I saw him to conceal his bald head, and Connor is dyeing his gray hair a shiny black. Youth and age! Each envies the other.

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Evers Back With Braves

Johnny Evers, former star second baseman of the Cubs and Braves, has been signed by Judge Fuchs, the Boston Braves to assist him in the management of the Hub Natick league team. This means that Evers will run the team from the field, under Fuchs' direction.

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BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR OP- PORTUNE TIME TO BEGIN THE SAVING HABIT

(By S. W. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

What will the new year, on the threshold of which we now stand, mean to you in the way of personal advancement?

In a general way, the answer to this question will depend upon your willingness to adhere to the principles of thrift. Occasionally, one may hear the statement made that the old-fashioned idea of saving money for the purpose of getting ahead has gone out of style. The great book of human experience, however, does not relate such a story. It was through saving that such men as Carnegie, Wanamaker, Hill, Pullman, Armour, Marshall Field, Rockefeller and others of that school, who were at the head of their activity and usefulness at the beginning of the present century, laid the foundations of their future success. In the field of statesmanship, the book of experience tells us that Gladstone, Lincoln, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson owed their success fundamentally to patient habits of thrift acquired in early life.

Habit is a tremendously important thing. Habitual saving in the years of youth will develop habits of frugality which, no matter how prosperous we may become in later years, will be of incalculable benefit. On the other hand, the habit of easy spending is a dangerous thing to cultivate in youth or at any time in life. It warps the judgment, leaves the individual unprepared for emergencies and unready for opportunities.

The frailties of human nature make it easier always to yield to the temptation of spending than to resist. As Roosevelt once said—the spending habit runs character. No one can hope to go through life without meeting obstacles and the development of habits of economy fortify one to conquer circumstance. How can one ever hope to possess a sturdy will if the habit of non-resistance has become definitely implanted in one's routine of life?

No better time can be found than the present for self-appraisal. If you have been drifting along without getting ahead, regardless of how old or how young you may be, you can take no better step than the firm resolution to make 1935 a period of thrift for you. If you do this you can at this time next year look back with feelings of high satisfaction and increased self-respect.

Listen to the Barber

A man with the whiskers of a life time went to sleep in a barber's chair and woke up minus his whiskers. The moral is, listen to the barber.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Heavy Loss From Rust

Corrosion, the most common main restoration of which is rust, destroys some 21,000,000 tons of iron and steel a year.

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L. Sapsford is a member of the Chestnut Bre brigade of London, England, and when he was married the other day all his comrades turned out to help. The photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Sapsford riding to the wedding breakfast on one of the brigade's pieces of apparatus.

Hat of Brown Velvet

Here is a youthful hat of brown velvet with a close-fitting crown stitched in tan silk. The stitched velvet trim is cut off at the front to form a frame for the face. A two-toned brown-and-tan pin is used as an ornament.

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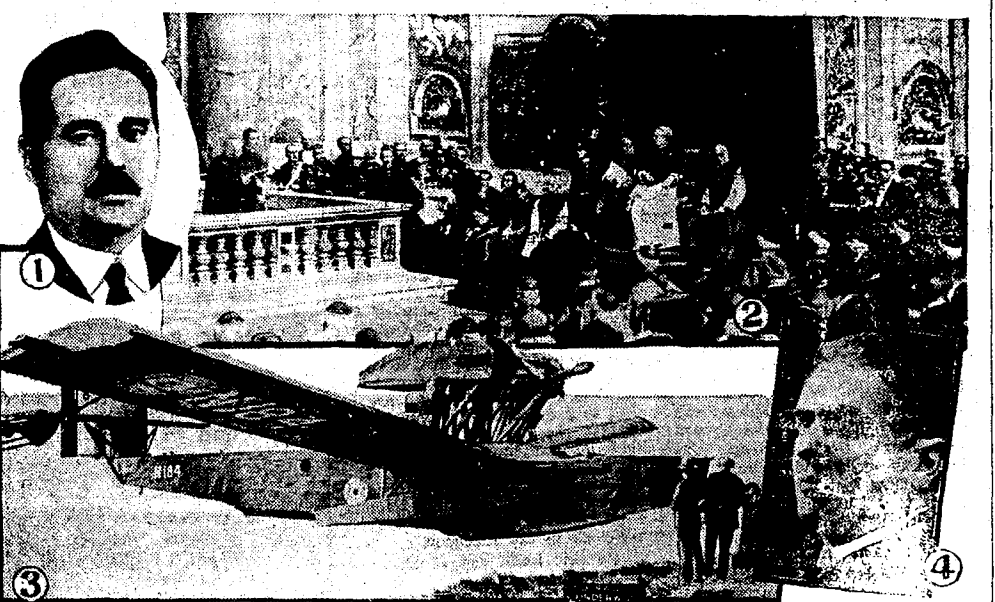
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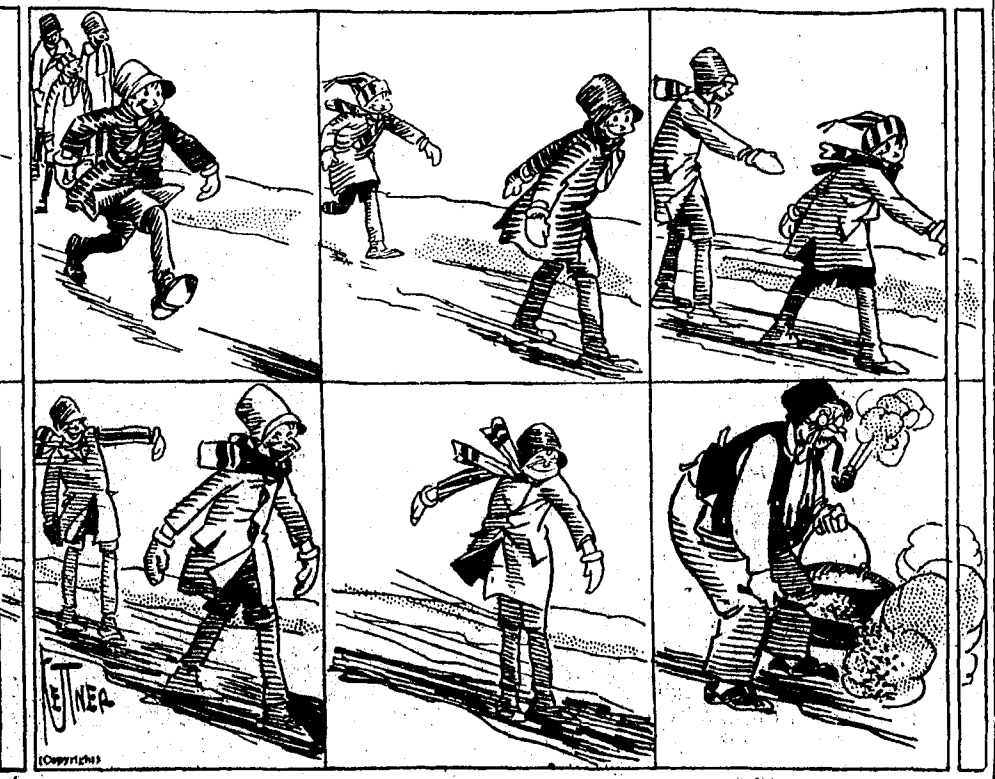
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Local Happenings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1929

Edward Mayotte of the Avalanche force visited at his home in Munising over Christmas.

Axel Peterson of Detroit visited his mother Mrs. Andrew Peterson over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley enjoyed Christmas with their son Ray and family at Gaylord.

Miss Elsie Erickson of Ann Arbor visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sorenson over Christmas.

Miss Lillian Mortenson of Flint is spending the holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Andrew Mortenson.

Hjalmar Mortenson spent Christmas in Flint visiting his sister Mrs. Frank Barker and brother Clarence Mortenson.

Miss Margrethe Jensen came up from Grand Rapids and spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson.

Herman Hansen came home from Flint Christmas morning to spend a couple of days visiting his mother, Mrs. Hansine Hansen.

Elnor Jorgenson arrived from Detroit Saturday to remain until New Year's day visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Jorgenson.

Alfred Johnson of Detroit was a guest of Paul Hendrickson Christmas day. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson of Iron Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven and daughter Nadine spent Christmas in Flint guests of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Reynolds and family.

Kenneth McLeod came home from Detroit Tuesday afternoon and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Clara McLeod until the first of next week.

Mrs. Peter Robertson and sons Clarence and Russell spent Christmas in Detroit, guests of the Arthur Anderson family. They returned Wednesday noon.

Reva Owens, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Owens was taken suddenly ill late Saturday afternoon and lies in a serious condition at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sorenson and family are returning home today after spending Christmas in Grand Rapids visiting Mrs. Sorenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Johnson Sr.

Take your prescriptions to the Central Drug Store.

Miss Virginia Hanson, who is attending school in Chicago, is spending the holiday vacation visiting her father, T. W. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Boening and son Richard spent Christmas in Traverse City. Mr. Boening is manager of the local A. & P. meat market.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith and little daughter Betty Jane and Mr. Clifton Eddy, of Lansing were Christmas guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven and family.

Miss Genevieve Montour, who is employed in the clerical department of the Michigan Artificial Ice Company of Ann Arbor, was home over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

Herman Blosser of Bay City, who was employed at the duPont here at the time it was in operation, comes back to Grayling each Christmas to shake hands with old friends. He was busy making his annual calls Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalsman had the pleasure of entertaining for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Milk, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell of Grayling, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milk and son Loyd of Traverse City.

T. P. Peterson, Adolph Peterson, Axel Peterson, Emil Niederer and their families, all drove to Johannesburg on Christmas and spent the day with the Guy Peterson family. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson drove up for the evening.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Milnes over Christmas were the former's brother, Eno Milnes of Chicago Heights, and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnis of Detroit. The gentlemen have returned home while Mrs. McInnis will remain for a couple of weeks visit.

The Christmas party given by St. Mary's Altar society for the children of that parish and held at the Odd-fellow Temple last Saturday evening was a very enjoyable affair. A pretty Christmas tree with a visit from old St. Nick, and a program given by several of the children were pleasant features.

The toboggan slide has a dandy "take-off" all ready for use. This has been constructed for permanent service and will not have to be taken down after the season closes. The work was done by Carl Tahvonen and his three assistants, whose service was donated for the good of the cause. These citizens are surely showing the right kind of community spirit and we are sure this job is immensely appreciated. It took the men a whole day to do the job.

W. W. Lewis spent Christmas with his family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Easman of Flint are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Menno Corwin came home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson entertained fourteen guests at dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gillett spent Christmas in Bay City, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Elias.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss of Ponton were Christmas guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely.

Miss Mildred Corwin is home from Lansing for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon on December 14th a daughter, Sarah Leona.

Ruth Chamberlain returned to Detroit Tuesday night, after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Peter Larson.

The A. J. Trudeau family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown are enjoying new Majestic radios, purchased of Frank Telu.

Miss Ingelbush Hanson was home from Detroit Saturday until Tuesday noon, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs left Saturday morning to spend two weeks with their daughter Mrs. Forrest D. Barber and family at Durand.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson enjoyed having as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson, daughter Betty and son Neil of Detroit.

Miss Anna Nelson was home from Grand Rapids to spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson returning Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell enjoyed having as their Christmas guests, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin. They arrived Saturday remaining until Tuesday night.

Miss Viva Hoeft arrived last week to spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoeft. Miss Hoeft is a graduate nurse of the Owosso Memorial hospital and practices her profession in that city.

Mrs. Celia Granger enjoyed having her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamm of Monroe as her guests from Sunday until Tuesday. Also her son George is home from Michigan State College for the two weeks holiday vacation.

Miss Colette Smith spent Christmas at her home in West Branch and on her return Tuesday was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith who came up to see their new grandson, Frank X. Tetu III. Mrs. George Smith was also in the party.

Don Reynolds is feeling good over winning second prize in the sales contest on washing machines recently for his firm, Michigan Public Service Co. The contest covered practically all of northern Michigan. A \$10 check greeted him in his Christmas mail Tuesday.

Very pretty in its appointments was the Christmas party at which Misses Margrethe and Olga Nelson were hostesses last Thursday evening. A brilliantly lighted Christmas tree graced the living room, where the guests indulged in a number of contests, in which Misses Margrethe Hemmingson, Ingeborg Hanson and Ruth McNeven were the lucky winners. A delicious lunch was served the centerpiece of the table being a large box filled with gifts, one for each guest. It was a very enjoyable affair.

The Danish-Lutheran church celebrated the yuletide with special services on Christmas eve at 4:00 o'clock followed by service on Christmas morning. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Christmas trees and red and white streamers, the Danish colors. In each window burned a tall red taper, tied with a green streamer. Neils Nielsen made a star of Bethlehem, which he donated to the church to add to its decoration. Rev. Kjolhede had a nice message for his congregation and the choir rendered special music on the occasion.

Paul Hendrickson is home from Fort Wayne, Ind., where he is a student in the Anthony Wayne Institute, taking a business management course. Besides keeping up in his work he says that he earns enough by work to pay his living expenses and still has time to represent his school as a forward on their basketball team. "Haven't lost a game this season," he says. Paul always was an industrious fellow and has it in him to become a competent business manager for some firm. As a basketball player he has an uncanny eye for shooting baskets, and played a star game at Grayling high last season.

Loyd and Steven Jennings came home from Detroit to spend the week between Christmas and New Year's with their mother, Mrs. E. A. Jennings and grandmother Mrs. Mary Derry. Also Mrs. Jennings' daughter, Mrs. Walter Shaw, husband and son Marion of Detroit were here over Christmas, dividing their time between the Jennings and Shaw homes and at their cottage down the river. Marion left Christmas night for the Naval training school at Great Lakes and expects to be sent out immediately but does not know whether he will go east or west. The Walter Shaws also had their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kiefer and daughter Ellen and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wahl of Detroit.

All of the teachers have gone to their respective homes for the holiday vacation: Miss Rosalind Lewis is at Gaylord; Miss Norma Burdette, Manistiquet; Miss Edith Hoosier, Kalkaska; Miss Helen Estee, Shepherd; Miss Eva Dorr, Grass Lake; Miss Margaret Fyvie, McMillan; Miss Theresa Lindstrom, Soo; Miss Louisa Sibley, Ishpeming; Miss Evelyn Vandyne, Mt. Pleasant; Miss Clarissa Dago, Northport; Miss Doris Quackenbush, Algonac; Miss Ruth Richards, Alma; and Charles Hill, Ypsilanti. Spent the holidays in Kalkaska and Mr. and Mrs. LaVera Cushman are in Mt. Pleasant. Miss Hazel Cassidy is enjoying her vacation in Grayling and Miss Vella Hermann left yesterday to spend a week in Lansing.

Dr. O. E. Keyport is having an attack of the flu.

A. J. Joseph, and family enjoyed a visit from his brother Sam Joseph of Detroit over Christmas.

John Bruun enjoyed having as his guest over Christmas, Elmer R. Schoenleben of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough left the fore part of the week to spend Christmas in Detroit.

Hubert Babbitt is home from Flint for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben S. Babbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Shaw of Detroit are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shaw.

Guests at the C. B. Johnson home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bosworth of Bay City and Carl Johnson.

Miss Quackenbush and her Glee Club sang some pretty Christmas carols on our streets one evening the last of the week.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is employed in Toledo visited over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Trudeau and little son of Ithaca spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trudeau.

Miss Eleanore Schumann is home from Grand Rapids for the holiday vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

Two-cord load of soft wood slabs delivered, \$5.00. Two-cord load hardwood slabs delivered, \$6.00. Phone 37. Grayling Manf. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cripps and family have gone to Lansing to visit relatives over the holidays and may remain there indefinitely.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and daughter Miss Helen of Ypsilanti are holiday guests of Mrs. Wescott's mother, Mrs. J. K. Hanson.

Peter Rasmussen is ill at his home. His son Einer came up from Saginaw and spent a couple of days with his parents the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen are entertaining their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant over the holidays.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser, who reside down the river was brought to Mercy Hospital Friday suffering with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross of Detroit visited over Christmas with relatives here, guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Matthews are happy over the arrival of a son on December 22nd, who came to their home just in time to be numbered among their Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Florence Warren came up from Detroit Monday and spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Warren and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Crumm of Toledo and Florence Duryea of Detroit arrived this afternoon to spend a few days visiting the Sheehy family and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Laurant.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carrievau and children of Jackson are spending the holidays visiting Mrs. Carrievau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carrievau, and sister Mrs. Frank Sales and husband.

Mrs. Signa Rasmussen of Detroit spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Eilerson. Other guests at the Eilerson home were Mr. Ole Wiium and another gentleman.

Many of the Danish children and their parents and friends enjoyed the annual Christmas party at the Dane-hall last evening. As usual there was a Christmas tree with dancing and singing around it by the young people. Rev. Kjolhede told a Christmas story and Mrs. Kjolhede had a few words of greeting for all, the evening closing with the usual coffee and lunch.

Word from Escondido, Calif., or rather a clipping from the Times-Advocate of that city reports the death of a one time Grayling resident, Mrs. Esther A. Loomis, who probably would be better known by the name of Mrs. O'Dell. The deceased was 82 years, 9 months and 4 days old and the cause of death was the after effects of the flu, she passing away at a hospital in that city on December 10th. The family left Grayling over 20 years ago. The deceased is survived by her husband, W. C. Loomis, and one son Emory O'Dell, who will also be remembered by Grayling people, and who is now a resident of Escondido. Mr. Emory O'Dell resides at 823 S. Nutmeg St., that city.

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The Quality Store

Mrs. Ollie MacLeod of Bay City was home for Christmas.

Sheriff Bohnmeyer is able to be out again after a siege of the flu.

Howard Herrick was home from Flint visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick over Christmas.

Alfred Johnson, son of Sam Johnson, former residents of Grayling and now of Detroit, came Sunday to spend Christmas and a few days with his friend Paul Hendrickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann left Wednesday for their home in Lansing after spending Christmas with their parents, Mrs. Anna Hermann and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates. Miss Vella Hermann returned with them to be their guest for a week.

Misses Grace Hood of Gladstone and Alice Lundvall of Manistique, former teachers here, but now holding positions in Lansing, were in Grayling last Friday enroute to their homes for the holiday vacation. They were joined here by Miss Norma Burdette.

Midnight mass at St. Mary's church on Christmas was largely attended with every available seat filled, and many standing. The church altars were beautiful with pine boughs and cinnamons symbolic of the yuletide most gracefully arranged for this day of all days. Rev. J. L. Culligan had a fine Christmas message for his congregation and the choir, which is a new organization beautifully rendered the hymnal part of the service. There were a large number of communicants.

GLADOLIA GOSLOW PASSED AWAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck was saddened this week by the death of their granddaughter, Gladolia, whose affectionate and loving disposition had endeared her to them and made her the idol of their home, for the past 14 years. The little girl came to make her home with her grandparents, when she was two years old, after the loss of her mother, Mrs. Henry Goslow (Alma Peck). The Peck family had gone to Lansing to remain over the holidays visiting the Harry Wright family when the little girl was stricken with the flu and passed away Monday afternoon.

The remains were brought to Grayling Tuesday and funeral services held Wednesday afternoon at the Peck home. Rev. Marlin Maxwell of Lake City conducted the service with singing by Mrs. Clarence VanAmberg and Mrs. McKinley Brown. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her father, Henry Goslow of Gaylord, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peck and her grandmother Mrs. Hattie Goslow of Gaylord. Those from out of town who came to be in attendance at the funeral were Henry Goslow and Mrs. Hattie Goslow, Gaylord; Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Wright, Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Easman, Mt. Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cross, Flint; Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Maxwell, Lake City.

DON'T PUT ASHES IN STREET

Notice is hereby given that there is an ordinance that prohibits the dumping of ashes on the streets. That practice must be stopped for ashes cause much trouble by washing down into the manholes and clogging them.

By order of the Street Committee, JULIUS NELSON, Street Commissioner.



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ALFRED HANSON,

Township Treasurer.

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Bolivia and Paraguay Take Mediation Instead of War Over Gran Chaco.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

BOLIVIA and Paraguay decided not to have a war over the disputed Gran Chaco district, to the great relief of the Western hemisphere and the League of Nations. Paraguay was the first to agree that the quarrel should be submitted to the special mediation committee of the American conference in session in Washington, and after a little hesitation Bolivia followed suit. The latter republic, however, asked that the inquiry be confined "in the first place to the attack on Fort Vanguardia without involving in the preliminary inquiry the questions at the bottom of the dispute, which have been intrusted to arbitration within the procedure established by the Argentine suggestion of December, 1927, and which was accepted by both countries."

The mediation committee, headed by Dr. Victor Maurtua of Peru, got busy at once, and sent communications to both governments asking them to outline the type of mediation machinery they would like to have set up. Both governments were asked if they would agree to withdraw troops from the danger zone and if they wished to sign a protocol ending the fighting. A spirit of friendliness and cordiality pervaded the committee conference room. Dr. Eugenio Ayala, Paraguayan delegate to the conference, and Dier De Medina, the Bolivian minister, both of whom had attended the first meeting, walked away arm in arm.

While, as said above, the League of Nations council was relieved by the peace move, it was disappointed because the South American republics did not submit their differences to Geneva, for this was a chance to show the power of the league despite the Monroe Doctrine. However, the council claimed the credit for having prevented the threatened warfare. Paraguay stopped its mobilization measures, though the enrollment of volunteers continued. The formation of the Bolivian coalition war cabinet was completed, to be ready for emergencies.

PROHIBITION enforcement was the topic of hot debates in both the senate and the house of representatives last week while the Treasury department appropriation bill was up for action. Senator Bruce, the eminent vet of Maryland, declared the government should make "one honest effort" to make the Volstead law effective, and since Prohibition Commissioner Doran had declared this would require at least \$300,000,000 annually, Bruce moved to increase by \$270,000,000 the \$15,500,000 originally voted by the house for prohibition activities. The Marylander had a long speech prepared, and in order to shut him off, his amendment was accepted without a vote. It was certain the conference would knock this out, and it did, reinstating the house figures. The conference report was adopted by the senate by a vote of 88 to 35 after a lot more lively interchange of opinions and recriminations; and next day the house also accepted it, without a roll call vote. The Democratic dry leaders made capital out of the admitted fact that prohibition enforcement has been a failure during the last seven and one-half years.

Comparatively smooth going for the Kellogg anti-war treaty in the senate was assured when the committee on foreign relations voted, 14 to 2, in favor of the pact, agreeing that the resolution of Senator Moses of New Hampshire interpreting the treaty should be reported simultaneously but without recommendation. Moses eliminated from his resolution all its provisions except the following:

"That the treaty does not impair or abridge the right of the United States to defend its territory or other vital interests in accordance with its traditional American policies."

"That the treaty imposes no obligations on the United States to resort to coercive or punitive measures against any offending nation."

"That the treaty does not obligate the United States to the conditions of any treaty to which the United States is not a party."

Senator Hale, chairman of the naval committee, tried to get action on the administration cruiser bill, but was blocked temporarily by the "small navy group," who threatened an "extensive debate" amounting to a filibuster.

ROY O. WEST, the new secretary of the interior, was subjected to a severe cross examination by the members of the senate committee on public lands before it voted, not quite unanimously, to recommend that the senate confirm his appointment. Mr. West's professional and financial past and his reputed connections with Samuel Insull, public utilities magnate, were the matters given chief consideration. Senator Nye, chairman of the committee, continued his opposition to the appointment, although he admitted that none of the charges advanced as grounds for its rejection had been substantiated.

Congress adjourned Saturday until January 8 for the holiday recess.

THAT unlucky submarine, the S-4, which carried forty men to their deaths a year ago, has been reconditioned and is being used for experimentation with safety devices. Last week it was sunk 55 feet to the bottom of Salt Pond at Block Island, R. I., and was then brought to the surface by the use of new apparatus. The raising, however, was too slow to suit the navy's experts so the test was not entirely successful. The lifting hooks or "padeyes," two on each side of the submarine amidships, were found acceptable for attachment to pontoons by divers even though the divers worked against a net deliberately created. But only the bow could be

HOOPER had a pleasant journey as the U. S. S. Albatross, reaching the Brazilian metropolis of Rio de Janeiro. His reception here was all that could be desired, and he was met by a large number of friends. He announced on the way ship that he would leave Rio December 23 and would proceed directly to Florida. His decision to cut out the projected visits to Havana, Santo Domingo and Mexico City was due to his desire to get back to the United States and in touch with the situation here. Whether he will land at Key West or Miami was not announced. The President-elect will occupy the J. C. Penney place, a beautiful estate on a small island at Miami Beach, and there rest up and prepare for his inauguration. The Cubans were especially disappointed when they heard Mr. Hoover would not visit them. Elaborate preparations already were under way in Havana. Radio dispatches from the Cuban capital before taking office, and might also go to Texas and Mexico before March 4.

KING GEORGE gained steadily. If slowly, throughout the week in his brave fight against death. The physicians said both general and local conditions were better, but they warned the public against over-optimism with the reminder that the ruler's recovery depends on a continued improvement rather than isolated gains. That there was some relaxation in the tension of anxiety was shown by the fact that the prince of Wales went to the Bath club to see the squash racket players, and the queen, Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles visited the London zoo.

In the Lancet, leading medical journal, appeared a technical review of the king's illness which concluded with this paragraph:

"It will be apparent to medical men that not only the severity and length of the infection but exhaustion resulting therefrom must make progress slow and difficult. At the same time the dangerous phases of the illness have been surmounted and there are increasingly solid grounds for hoping for his recovery as a result of this long and anxious struggle."

The statement reveals that the king has had periods of delirium. The employment of ultraviolet rays is believed to have already proved beneficial.

KING AMANULLAH of Afghanistan is having a hard time introducing occidental customs into his country. A considerable part of his people is in rebellion against his westernization program, and in the eastern district of Jelalabad they also are revolting against taxes and laws requiring certain of the tribesmen to carry identification papers. The news from Afghanistan is rather vague, but Delhi heard that the rebels had captured two forts overlooking the capital, Kabul.

CHARLES C. HART, American minister to Albania, presented his credentials last week, and the United States thereby formally recognized the new royal regime of Zogu, who made himself king. The ceremony, in the shabby little capital, Tirana, was conducted with military pomp at the king's palace.

DELEGATES to the international aviation conference and hundreds of air-minded citizens journeyed to Kitty Hawk, N. C., to do honor to Orville Wright, the first man to fly in a powered airplane, and to help lay the cornerstone for a government memorial to the Wright brothers on top of Kill Devil hill at the spot from which they took off in their epochal first flight twenty-five years ago. A huge granite boulder with appropriate inscription was unveiled. Tribute to the Wrights was paid by Secretary of War Davis, Gov. Angus McLean of North Carolina and Senator Hiram Bingham, president of the National Aeronautical association.

THAT murder of Arnold Rothstein, gambler and highly objectionable person, finally brought about a crisis in New York police affairs. Joseph A. Warren, police commissioner, was forced out of office and Mayor Jimmy Walker appointed Grover A. Whalen to succeed him. The new official started in by making many dismissals and demotions of commanding officers. Whalen was secretary of Mayor Hylan for a time, and ever since then has been chairman of the mayor's committee for the reception of distinguished guests. In that capacity he has been almost continuously riding about the streets in parades with prominent personages.

HARRY F. SINCLAIR filed in the United States Supreme court a brief presenting arguments why he should not be required to serve a three-months' jail sentence for contempt in refusing to answer questions of a senate committee on the naval bill.

Sinclair contended that the government, having initiated proceedings against him on charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with his Teapot Dome lease, could not compel him to give information before the senate committee which might be used to his disadvantage in the trial of the case. He also asserted the senate had lost jurisdiction to his case by turning it over to the courts, and declared that Senator Walsh had no right to ask the questions which he, Sinclair, refused to answer.

JAPAN'S first national parliament elected under the new manhood suffrage law is about to meet, and the government prepared for presentation the largest budget in the country's history. For the fiscal year, 1929-30, it totals 1,738,000,000 yen (approximately \$908,880,000), representing an increase over the current year of 48,700,000 yen. The budget for the navy calls for 268,000,000 yen, an increase of 8,000,000 yen, and for the army 222,000,000 yen, an increase of 7,700,000.

There were prospects of a bitter

political contest in the run over the empire's relations with China and as domestic tax levies. Premier Tanaka's majority in parliament is so slim that his government may fall at any time.

ELINOR WYLLIE, well-known poet, E. and novelist and the wife of William Rose Benet, poet, died in New York of a paralytic stroke at the age of forty-two years. She was the daughter of Henry M. Hoyt, solicitor general under President Taft, and was previously the wife of P. A. Hichborn and of Horace Wyllie.

Candy Industry Goes Back to Hippocrates

Physicians among the ancient Greeks and Romans utilized the bee's honey in preparing their medicines. In fact, the manufacture of candy traces its origin back to the days of Hippocrates, father of medicine, who lived in the fifth century B. C. In those days doctors' remedies for human ills consisted of doses of bitter herbs. In order to tickle the palate of his rich patients, Hippocrates smeared a little honey on the edge of the cup containing the potion, and later on coated his pills with similar substances, thus comforting his patients and, no doubt, also increasing his fees.

Little did Hippocrates think that he was destined to go down in fame, not only as the father of medicine but as one of the originators of the art of candy-making.

From this quaint origin the candy industry has progressed to such an extent that it is now one of the world's leading industries. Its production involves labor in all parts of the world and employs every means of transportation known to man.—Exchange.

Idea of Human Flight Long in Minds of Men

The desire to conquer the air and emulate the birds is no modern fancy, but has agitated the minds of men mechanically inclined for ages. Records of a meeting of the Royal Society, held in London in 1679, give the information that "Mr. Hooke read a paper containing a description of the way of flying, invented and practiced by one Mons. Besnier, a smith, the contrivance of which consisted in ordering four wings folding and shutting to be moved by his hands before and his legs behind by which he was, it was said, able to fly from a high place across a river to a pretty distance." One of the members of the Royal society apparently cast some doubt upon the practicability of the invention: "Mr. Henshawe conceived that by reason of the weakness of a man's arms for such kind of motions, it would be much more probable to make a chariot or such like machine with springs and wheels, that should serve to carry one or more men in it to net and guide it."

CHRYSAETHUM The name is from the Greek chryso, meaning gold, and anthemion, meaning flower. In Christian tradition, this flower is supposed to have been born on the first Christmas, being the token to the three wise men that they had reached the spot whither the star had bidden them.

It is in reality, however, of Chinese origin, and was made the official flower of Japan as early as the Fourteenth century. It symbolized perfection. It is now grown in more than 5,000 varieties, and it is so popular in this country that men have paid \$10,000 for a fresh form of the Japanese flower.

"Woodchuck" From Indian

"Woodchuck," as applied to the groundhog, is not a compound of "wood" and "chuck," as commonly supposed. It is a corruption of the Indian word "wejick," "woodshuck," or "woodshuck," a name applied to this animal by hunters, trappers and traders in the Hudson bay region. Supposedly the word is derived from the Cree "otcheik" or the Chipewyan "otcheig," which was applied to the fisher by the Indians, but which was transferred to the groundhog by the whites. According to the bureau of American ethnology, in the fur nomenclature of the Hudson's Bay company the skins of groundhogs have long been known as "woodchucks."

Doing Well

A householder had trouble with the shower in his bathroom, and plumbers were called in. After an hour or more, hearing no sounds of activity from the bathroom, the householder proceeded to the scene of operations. Opening the door, he found the plumber and his mate seated on the bath, engrossed in a copy of the evening paper.

"Well," he said suspiciously, "how are you fellows getting on?" "Fine," said the plumber, removing his pipe. "We've got a couple of winners this afternoon."—London Tit-Bits.

Work Up to a Carpet

The junior clerk in the British navy begins his official life in a very bare office, with a hard chair to sit on, and a writing table that is nothing but a collapsible shelf. There is no place to keep his papers, no carpet on the floor.

His next promotion is to a table with a couple of drawers, but it is not until he has gone several rungs up the ladder and in receipt of a salary exceeding £300 a year that he can claim a real desk with lockable drawers.

Only officials in receipt of at least £1,000 a year are allowed carpets in their room.

Human Life Expanded in Produce Fine Laces

Almost every country in Europe knows something of the delicate art of lace making. Every one knows it, and other peoples of the Orient. Italy was probably the first to make the almost priceless needle-point, from her thread so carefully spun that an ounce is worth \$2,000. Of the same thread, though less fine in texture, was made the beautiful Valenciennes lace so greatly prized by Marie Antoinette and her neighbors, the milkmaids. The finest needle point is done with a thread of cobweb thinness, the pattern drawn on parchment. Finest laces are still made in damp underground rooms, to preserve the thread, only one ray of light being admitted, to fall directly upon the work. Among the church treasures of France and Italy are beautiful altar cloths and other laces, which the victor is often told are the work of nuns and devoted women who pined their needle in dark and dampness underground until they became blind or died of consumption or some kindred disease.

Irish crochet is made under more cheerful circumstances, by peasants sitting at their cottage doors. The work is done with very fine hooks and hard-twisted cotton thread, over a design drawn on cambric, the figures based on and crocheted round.

Odd Duties Assigned to Royal Attendants

"Beekeepers" have been a fixed institution at St. James' palace since the reign of Henry VII. According to king's regulations they must have beards on state occasions. At certain intervals they have to report to the palace adjutant for beard inspection.

In the Middle ages Beekeepers used to protect and attend the sovereign, and it was their duty to taste and cook all food served to him. They also had to make the king's bed. The "Voemans Bedders" stuffed the mattresses and arranged the curtains while the "Voemans Bedders" rolled on the bed to see that it was well made. The letters Y. B. H. and Y. B. G. are still affixed to certain names on the roll. Since their institution the costume of the Beekeepers has varied very little, and the large ruff round the neck still forms a very important part of it.—Montreal Family Herald.

Holmes Pine Protected

The purchase of an estate with a proviso that a certain pine tree upon it must not be cut down or removed has been recorded at Pittsfield.

The estate, once famous as the summer home of Oliver Wendell Holmes, is known as Holmesdale. One of the restrictions in the deed is the following pertaining to an historic old pine in Cane Meadows:

Subject to the restriction which the grantee agrees for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to observe to wit:

"That the tree known by the name of the 'Holmes pine,' standing by itself in the meadows to the south of the housestead, should be allowed to stand as long as the course of nature permits, and that it shall never be cut down or moved while it remains in a live and healthy condition."—Boston Post.

Sounded Inhabitable

In 1830, William H. Seward visited Minnesota in company with Charles Francis Adams and Senator James W. Nye. The citizens of St. Anthony, wishing to receive the distinguished statesman in a becoming manner, appointed a committee to meet the guests and escort them into town. After waiting some time, the committee learned that the party had reached town by another route, and returning to the hotel, were introduced to Mr. Seward. The spokesman, a lawyer of the place, after a brief remark, said: "Mr. Seward, we are very sorry, indeed, that we did not have the opportunity of escorting you into town, but we beg to assure you that we shall take great pleasure in escorting you out of it."—Detroit News.

All in Italy

Here is history in stone and can vas, here are meccas of the soul like Rome or Assisi, which Dante called "the garden of the Peninsula," and Reman "the Galilee of Italy." Here, for the literary saunterer is the road to Arque, with its stunted hillside, that Petrarch, lover of Laura, so enjoyed; here you may ride with Byron on the hillside of Este and enjoy with "Childe Harold" the "fairest garden of the world." Here is Michaelangelo and Raphael, and Colli and the birthstones of the great Renaissance. If you want all of Europe in one country, take "an Italian journey."—Exchange.

Easily Settled

The senior partner arrived to see the outer office occupied by seven men, each of whom wished him a very good morning.

"What's all that crowd doing out there?" he asked his junior in the private office a few seconds later.

"Well, you know we wanted an efficient and capable clerk? I advised them, and there they are."

"I'm," murmured the other, "How do you intend to pick your man out of my boy?"

"Oh, easy. I imagine the brightest of that gang'll find some way of getting rid of the other six."

This Way Out

Talking of "gate-crashers," numerous yarns are being circulated regarding those possessors of perverted ingenuity. One of the best concerns a hostess who observed among her guests a strange gentleman who had not been invited. Her tactics were superb. She approached the intruder and said, "Walter, tell the butler that there is an uninvited man present and instruct him to have the person shown out."—Sporting and Dramatic News.



1—Anxious Londoners outside Buckingham palace watching bulletins on King George's condition. 2—Porter Gill (with raised hand) taking the oath as President of Mexico at his inauguration. 3—George L. Harrison made governor of the Federal Reserve bank of New York to succeed the late Benjamin Strong.

Display of Learning Unseemly for Women?

Dr. John Gregory, a Scotch physician and a master student of human nature, left a bit of shrewd and sophisticated writing in "A Father's Legacy to His Daughter," which he published in 1797. For reasons best known to themselves, the ladies may be interested in his admonitions:

"Be ever cautious in displaying your good sense. It will be thought you assume a superiority over the rest of the company. But if you happen to have any learning, keep it a profound secret, especially from the men, who generally look with a jealous and malignant eye on a woman with good parts and a cultivated understanding."

"A man with real genius and candor is far superior to this meanness. But such a one will seldom fall in your way; and if by accident he should, do not be anxious to show the full extent of your knowledge. If he has any opportunities of seeing you, he will soon discover it himself; and if you have any advantages of person or manner, and keep your secret, he will probably give you credit for a great deal more than you possess."—Detroit News.

Novelist's Hard Luck Didn't Escape Notice

Novelist Upton Sinclair said at a New York reception:

"We novelists should never frequent high society. We are out of place there, and all kinds of awkward accidents happen to us."

"A young American novelist was invited to dine with the duchess of Marlborough. He wore at the dinner one of those made-up ties that fasten to the collar button with a rubber loop, and the meal had hardly begun when this rubber loop worked loose and the novelist's tie dropped into his soup."

"He fished it out with thumb and finger and laid it beside his plate. Then he began to debate with him self whether or not he should wipe it dry and put it on again. One thing was fortunate, anyhow—nobody seemed to have noticed his trouble."

"In the midst of his self-debate the butler bent over him, pointed his finger at the tie and said in a loud voice:

"Have you quite done with this, sir?"—Detroit Free Press.

Peculiarity of Mankind

Human nature often manifests itself in ways that puzzle the scientists dealing primarily with material rather than mental research, according to chemists in the laboratories of the United States Department of Agriculture. As an example, one points out the history of efforts that led up to passage of the federal food and drugs act. At a comparatively early date the chemists advocated and secured passage of laws requiring manufacturers of fertilizers to state accurately the constituents of the products they marketed. They next worked for the passage of similar laws controlling the purity of cattle feeds, and then finally of human foods. "Strange as it may seem," the chemist observes, "the control of the quality of the products used by man himself is always the last and most difficult to secure."

Converted by Airplane

An intelligent African was greatly shaken in his belief in Islam through recently seeing several airplanes visiting Zaria and the interior of his country. The sight of them convinced this man that the Moslem belief was indeed false, since amongst other things it teaches the solidity of the clouds above! This caused a thorough disturbance in the spectator's mind, and there is good reason to believe he will soon be turned in heart to Him who, though dwelling on high, yet desires to abide in every lowly believer who yields to His love.—Montreal Family Herald.

For Bread and Butter

Herewith the whole of an affectionate letter written after the lapse of a week by a boy in camp who, the old folks feared, might be suffering from homesickness:

"Dear Dad: This is one of the real periods when you are supposed to rest and write letters home. This is one of the letters. I would probably not have written so soon, but to get into the dining room tonight I have to have written a letter home. It is about dinner time, now, so must close. Your son Bill."

Ever Think of That?

The truth is, married life is a fall, only in localities where all life is a failure.—Nashville Tennessean.

FREDERIC NEWS

A Christmas tree at the church Monday night with a program. All did fine.

The Barber family were all here to spend Christmas—Ed. and wife of Chicago Heights, Elton, Elwood and Elroy of Flint.

The Dormire family of Waters were callers here last week.

This Tuesday morning the remains of Kenneth Goshorn arrived on the train from Northville where he was taken with pneumonia. The family are coming by auto. They were visiting in the south part of the state.

Ed. Sze has been stationed at St. Charles and Mr. Gunther is our general agent at present.

Two men bought a horse; and now to divide the spoils, satisfactory to the two buyers and the seller!

Ralph Cline of Rosecommon is here to spend the holidays with his sisters Lillian and Helen.

Mrs. Walter Wheeler was called to Standish by the death of her father last Saturday.

Elmer Batterson of Jackson came Tuesday to be in attendance at the funeral of Kenneth Goshorn.

Wins Cross Country Run

James L. Reid, of Harvard university, the winner of the varsity intercollegiate cross-country run which was staged at Van Cortlandt park, New York.

Father Sage Says

Many a married man imagines that every married woman would have preferred him to the man she married if they had only met sooner.

Leads in Stenographers

The Civil Service commission says the United States government employs the largest number of stenographers of any organization in the world.

Konjola Restored His Health After All Else Failed

Pere Marquette Employee Was In Rundown Condition—Lauds New Medicine For Its Restorative Powers

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